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## Minutes 08-19-2009

### MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2009

Members Present: Janice Dallas, Barbara Cutler, Barbara Jones, Maureen St. Hilaire,  
Lin Baker, Kerrie Fallon

Members Absent: Susan James

Others Present: Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate  
Jack Jones, Director of Housing & Disability Programs

#### Curb Cut Ramp Project:

Jack Jones said that G.R. Construction has begun construction of additional curb cut ramps on Broadway and Warren Street. Jack Jones said that the total project cost is \$79,000. Jack Jones said that the Disability Commission received \$65,000 in new CDBG funds this year for curb cut ramp work. This funding will be added to \$103,000 that remains from previous CDBG funding.

#### Town Day 2009:

Jack Jones said that Town Day 2009 will be held on Saturday September 26, 2009. Jack Jones said that he would purchase a promotional item probably writing pens for the Disability Commission to distribute at Town Day. The Commission agreed to prepare a newsletter for Town Day. The following topics were considered for possible articles in the Town Day Newsletter. Concern about non-accessible portable toilets purchased by the Arlington Soccer Club and placed on Town Play fields, Curb Cut Ramps that are being added along Broadway and Warren Street, the Job Fair co-sponsored by the Commission in April 2009, the Town's pilot project to remove snow from curb cut ramps during the winter of 2008 through 2009, credit to Joe Connelly, Director of Recreation for assisting in the installation of handicapped parking spaces adjacent to several play fields within the Town, and an article about the name change of DMR to Department of Developmental Services.

#### Massachusetts Avenue Corridor Project:

Barbara Jones said that 25% of the Mass. Ave. Corridor project plan has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Heidi Hample raised concern about any possibility that the design would include the installation of bricks along the pedestrian path of travel. Barbara Jones said that the landscape architect was still recommending the use of bricks.

#### Commission Membership:

Barbara Jones said that the Commission should suggest for the Town Manager's review the name of a Town Official to fill the

opening on the Commission resulting from Kevin O'Brien's retirement.

Other Business:

Heidi Hample said that George McDonald, Chair of the Watertown Commission on Disability, has agreed to attend the October Arlington Commission on Disability Meeting.

Barbara Cutler said that the Commission must agree as to how the Commission will spend the \$3,000 allocation that was approved for this fiscal year by Town Meeting.

Barbara Jones requested information regarding if the Town has accepted ownership of Summer St., from Mass. Highway.

Barbara Cutler said that she is in the process of writing a book titled Special Education Guide for Parents.